



BOARD BRIEFING:

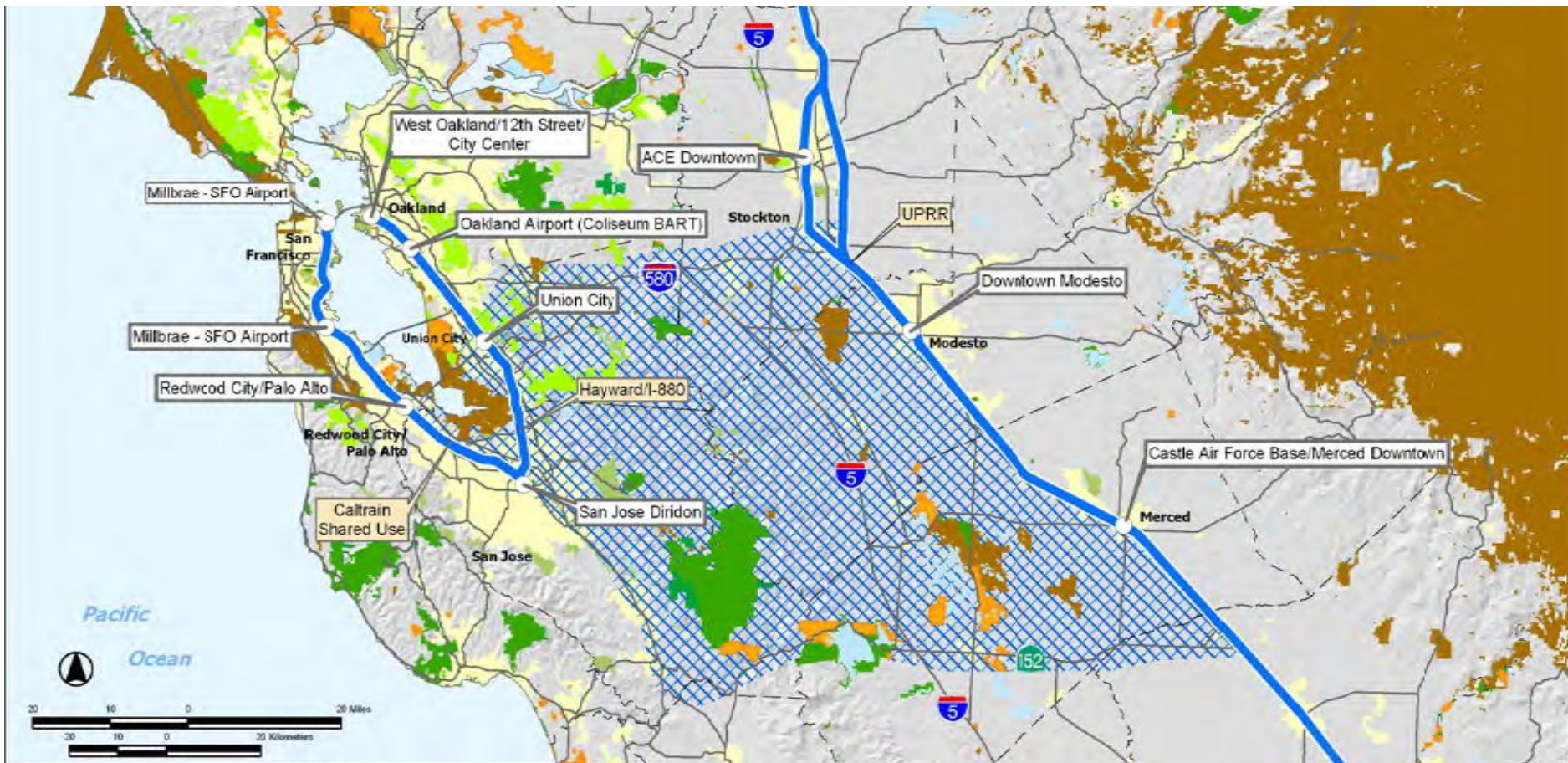
Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train

Partially Revised Draft Program Environmental Impact Report

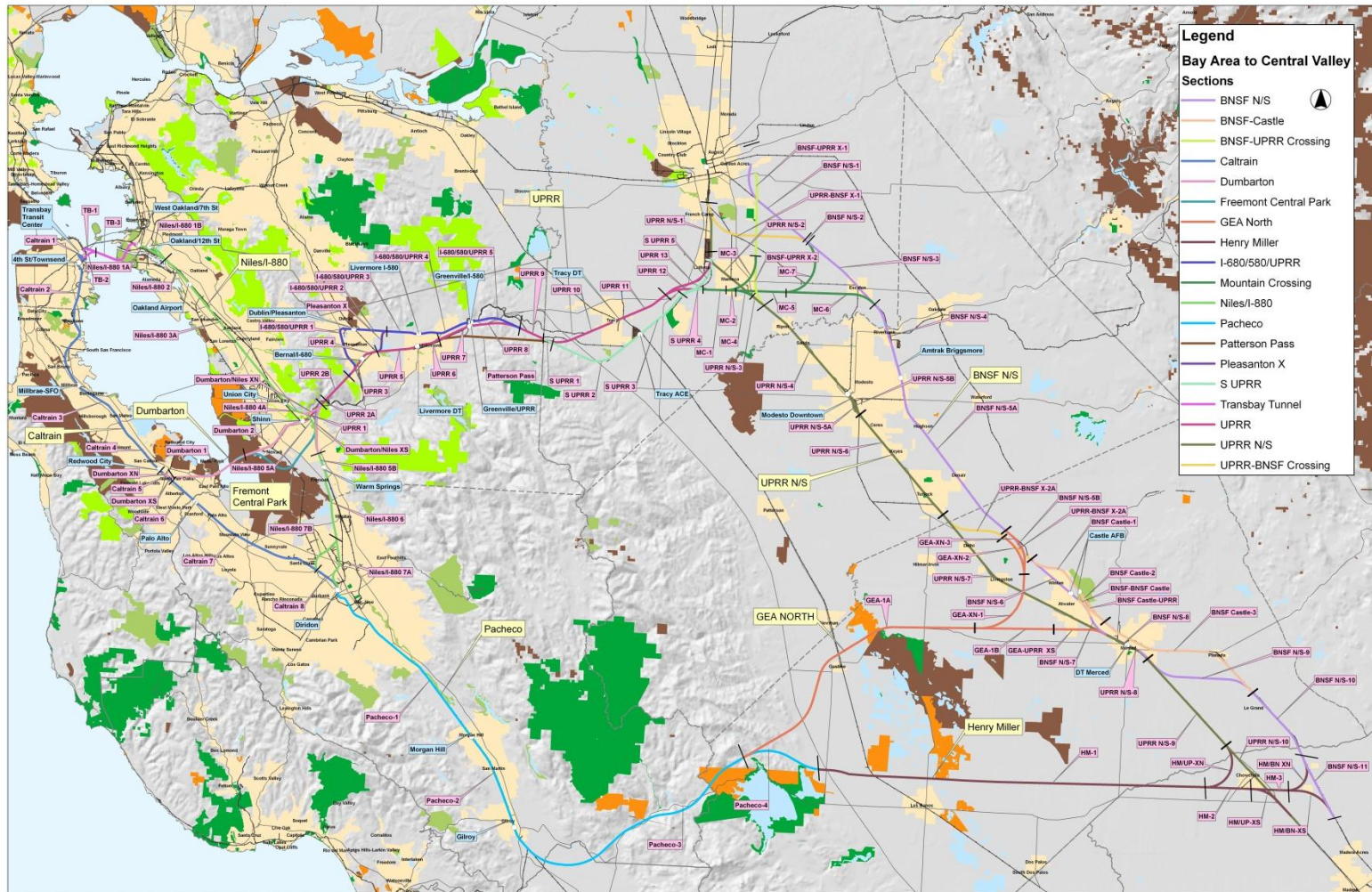


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Purpose of Bay Area to Central Valley Program EIR:

Support policy choice of the network alternative, alignments, and station locations to connect the high-speed train system between the San Francisco Bay Area and the Central Valley



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Why a Partially Revised Draft Program EIR?

- Court rulings in the Atherton CEQA cases issued in November 2011
- Much of Program EIR analysis upheld
- Some issues require more analysis to comply with CEQA



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Issues Requiring More Analysis

- Noise, vibration, and construction impacts of shifting Monterey Highway
- Traffic impacts on surrounding local roads due to narrowing stretch of Monterey Highway
- Impacts of potentially moving freight tracks closer to adjacent land uses along Peninsula
- Impacts of reduced access to surface streets from potential lane closure along Peninsula



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Public Circulation

- Notice of document widely distributed through first-class mail, website, press release, and email blast
- 45 day public comment period
- Comment period closed on 02/21/12



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Public Meeting

- February 9, 2012
- San Jose City Hall
- Court reporter present to record verbal comments



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Type of Commenter	Number of Commenters
Federal Agencies	1
Tribes	1
State Agencies	1
Local Agencies	16
Organizations/Businesses	9
Individuals	20
Public Hearings	6
Total	54

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- Frequently Raised Issues in Comment Letters
 - Traffic Impacts on San Francisco Peninsula
 - Draft 2012 Business Plan and affect on Program EIR
 - Blended system only on Peninsula



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Next Steps

- Staff to prepare responses to comments and issue a Partially Revised Final Program EIR
- Board to consider rescinding 2010 decisions at upcoming Board meeting
- Board to consider new 2012 decisions at upcoming Board meeting

